



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

DRAKE et al.

Serial No.: 10/625,916

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For: "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
MINING HYDROCARBON-
CONTAINING MATERIALS"

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of one (1) month to respond to the Office Action mailed on February 24, 2004, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from May 24, 2004, to June 24, 2004.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$55.00 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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